

# SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No.

IN RE: LESLIE W. STEEN, SUPREME  
COURT CLERK AND COURT OF  
APPEALS CLERK

**Opinion Delivered** 3-13-08

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## PER CURIAM

On Friday, February 29, 2008, Leslie W. Steen's twenty-eight years of service to this court vested, and he became eligible for full retirement. Mr. Steen has served this court admirably since 1980 as a law clerk to a Supreme Court Justice, as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court, and, since 1987, as Supreme Court Clerk and Court of Appeals Clerk.

Mr. Steen has overseen multiple changes as Clerk of the Courts. Since 1987, his staff has increased due to the expansion of the Court of Appeals. In 1987, communication technology and word processing were in their embryonic stages. Today, the court's docket is administered according to sophisticated software, opinions are circulated by e-mail to attorneys and the press, and a pilot program is underway for attorneys to file their briefs electronically.

Despite the era of automation and computers, Mr. Steen is known for his guidance and his hands-on assistance to the attorneys of this state, both in explaining the procedures of his office and in resolving problems that may arise. He is also a popular and informative speaker

at bar meetings throughout the state.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Steen and thank him for his faithful years of service to this court, to the Court of Appeals, and to this state. We look forward to his continued service as Clerk in the years to come.